

## **Military Installation Conservation Partner Award**

The Assistant Director for Fisheries and Habitat Conservation proposed that the Fish and Wildlife Service provide an award to a military installation that has done outstanding work with the Service to promote conservation on military lands during the past year. The award highlights the partnership aspect of the conservation work of the installation. The award includes a certificate and a plaque and will be presented each year by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director at the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Workshop held in conjunction with the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference.

This award was created to highlight the benefits to conservation of partnerships between the military and the Service. By presenting this award each year, the Service hopes to help enhance existing partnerships, and encourage the creation of more partnerships.

The following criteria may be used by the Service to help nominate and select an installation for this award:

- partnership development,
- project creativity;
- program diversity;
- conflict resolution;
- timely submissions; and
- INRMP implementation.

### **Award Selection Process and Timeframe:**

- January 7: The Service's field offices will nominate installations, rank them and provide the names to the Regional Sikes Act Coordinator.
- January 21: The Regional Sikes Act Coordinator will work with the field offices to select the top 3 installations and provide the names to the National Sikes Act Coordinator.
- January 28: Washington Office FHC, in cooperation with the Regional Sikes Act Coordinators, selects national nominee
- January 31: AD Fisheries and Habitat Conservation reviews and approves selection
- March 16: Director of FWS presents award

## **Military Installation Conservation Partnership Evaluation Checklist for Nominating Offices**

Below are criteria that may be considered to help you select an installation for the award. You may use these ideas to help rank installations. Please write a few lines (less than 300 words) emphasizing the installation's cooperative conservation projects, especially with the Service, in the "Comments/justification" section to help the regions and then the Washington Office make a selection.

### Partnership development - Cooperation and effectiveness

- Rate their frequency and quality of interaction with FWS, State agency, NGOs, community,

### Developing creative projects or solutions to natural resource issues

- What and how many unique projects have been implemented?

### Program diversity

- How many aspects of natural resources does the installation address? They could include recreational fisheries program, hunting program, endangered species restoration project, migratory bird projects, invasive species projects, contaminants clean up, wetland restoration, other.

### Issues conflict resolution

- What examples of natural resource conflicts have arisen, made notable effort to resolve and how were they quickly and successfully resolved?

### Timely submission of INRMPs or other work to FWS – project accomplishment or completion

- Was INRMP submitted with enough time for FWS review?
- Were Contaminants issues resolved in a timely fashion?
- Were section 7 consultations successfully and timely submitted?
- Was NEPA compliance completed on schedule?

### INRMP development and implementation

- Were new INRMP projects developed?
- Is the project completion on schedule?

# Military Installation Conservation Partner Award Nomination Form

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Installation Nominated:

Natural Resource Manager Name	Title	Address
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Commander Name	Title	Address
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Nominating Field Office

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Field Office Contact

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## Score Sheet

Ratings: Excellent (4), Very Good (3), Fair (2), Poor (1)

Installation Name	Partnership Development	Creative Projects	Program Diversity	Conflict Resolution	Timely Submission	INRMP Implementation	Total

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Comments/justifications (300 words or less):

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